



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF:

Lindall et al.

Group Art Unit: 1711

Application Serial No. 09/991,653

Examiner: Samuel Acquah

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Title: Esterification Catalysts

**REQUEST UNDER RULE 97(f) AND
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Hon. Asst Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

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Request is hereby made under Rule 97(f) for consideration of the attached document by the Examiner. The document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is the U.S. equivalent of the German prior art reference (DE 197 05249) cited in the counterpart Taiwanese application during examination.

This Information Disclosure Statement is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicants to fully comply with the rules.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the requisite \$180.00 (Fee Code 1806), and any deficiencies, to Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 083255/0284080.

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures, plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column pursuant to MPEP 609, is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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